

Grace United Methodist Church

August 5, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude Fantasia on an "English Melody" L. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Prayer

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn of Praise *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #185

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word John 6:48-59

Proclamation of the Word *The Bread of Life*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread* #613
(Sung to the tune of Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee)

Invitation to the Table

Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Offering/Offertory Quiet Meditation F. Walczynski

*Doxology #95

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

GOING FORTH

* Hymn *Shalom to You* #666

* Benediction

* Postlude *Raise the Song on High* S. Scott

Be Our Guest! If you are joining us for the first time or another visit, we welcome you! Let us know how we can make your worship experience more enjoyable. We're glad you are here!

Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the front pew. You are welcome to take a bulletin to work on during worship. Return crayons after worship. Enjoy!

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	D. Ciuchta W. Rutkowski	Offering Counter	H. Shumaker J. Euler
Lay Reader	Linda Schaefers	Lay Reader	Howard Russell
Acolytes	Sierra Brown	Acolytes	Ariel Rhine
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Vie Riemer 522 Cumberland Woods Village Allison Park, PA 15101			
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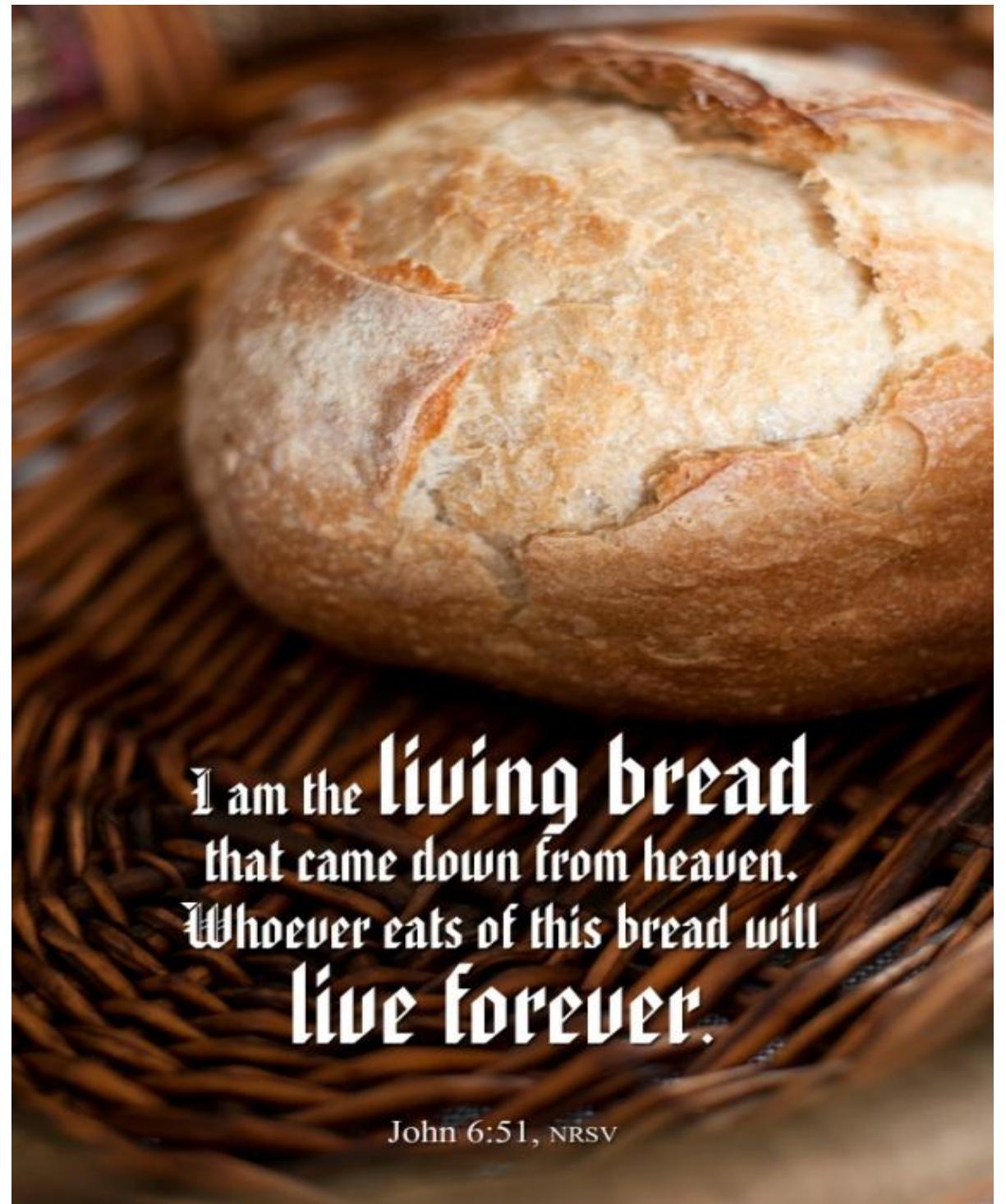
Established in 1877

Church Office Hours Tuesday 9-12pm and Wednesday 9-3pm

United Methodist Mission Statement

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	11:30 – 12:45 pm Summer Lunch and Arts
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



**I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will
live forever.**

John 6:51, NRSV

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THE WORD

John 6:48-59 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down

from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God